(b) if so. what are ths reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER): (a) and

) As a consequence of increase in the issue price of wheat from Rs. 172|- per quintal to Rs. 190!- per quintal for public distribution system as well as roller Hour mills, with effect from I-2-19S6, the State Governments jUnion Territories have been advissd by the Central Government to work out and notify revised exmill and -i| prices of ths wheat products produced by the roller flour mills, namely maida. suji, resultant atta, and bran. The • revised prices are to be fixed by the State Governments|Union Territories on the

is of the existing miHing margins sd to the mills and are only to iralise the effect of increase in the

Backlog of unemepolyed persons

.'. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA;

SHRI KALPNATH RAI.

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

what was the backlog of unempd persons towards the end of the Sixth Plan period; and

(b) the employ] entiai expected to be generated during (he Seventh Plan period and whether the problem of un- loyment is expected to be solved bythe end of the Seventh Plan period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA); (a) and (b) The backlog of unemployment at the end of the Sixth Plan period has been eslimated at 9.2 million for the age-group 5-pIus, The net addition to the labour force in this age-group during the Seventh Plan period

would be 39.38 million. It is expected ' that additional employment of the order " of 40.36 million standard person years I would be generated during the Seventh Plan. It is expected that the backlog of unemployment at the end of the Plan would be less than that at the beginning of the Plan.

Payment to sugarcane growers by sugar mills

SHRI MUKHtlAR SJ MALTK;

SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA:

Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) what is the amount at present out standing for payment to the sugarc growers by the sugar mills, mDlwise, in. h State;

(b) for how long the amount has been outstanding and what are the reasons for: and

(c) what fresh steps havo been taken by the Central . Government, to ensure prom tnent for sugarcane sup! made to the mills by the cultivators?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER): (a) and giving the sugarcane pries.'. . . in. respect of individual inn.; for 1985-86, 19;'4-85, 1983-84 and earlier seasons as on 31st December 19S5 is attached. *[See* Appendix CXXX-VII, Anaexure No. 2] As would be seen therefrom, the bulk of the dues relate to ;nt season. The dues are high at k of the crushing son as the season tapers off. For the last seasons-out of the total cane price of Rs. 1270 crores, only about Rs. 3.6 crores remain to be cleared as on 31-12-83. percentage- ' wise, the arrears for the last season are only 0.28 percent. These arrears are spread over a very large number of faetori The small amounts remained unpaid gen-

e rally due to the growers not coming forward to collect the amounts or due to certain legal difficulties etc. Similar is the position in respect of claims earlier than 1984-85 seasons.

(c) Ensuring payment ot cans arrears is the direct^ responsibility of the State Governments who have the necessary field organizations and powers to enforce such payments. The Central Government monitors-the position and, requests the State Governments from time to time for expenditious clearance of the • cane price arrears. The State Governments have very recently been addressed

tin to give special attention to the payment of cane price. The Central Government have in the last few years taken steps to improve the liquidity position of the industry to enable them; to make quicker payments. During the current season, the statutory minimum price of sugarcane has been increased by *ii* ». 2.50 per quintal. Besides, the ratio of levy: levy free sugar has been changed from 65:35 to 55:45. These steps will have the effect of improving the liquidity of the sugar industry. .Thg cane price dues have so far been much lower than the dues r.t the corresponding periods during the !ast 2-3 years.

Income-tax assessment of cetrain companies of Calcutta

101. SHRI GULAM MOHI-UD-DIN SHAWL; Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 816 riven in Sabha on :he 6th March, 1984 and furnish the uptodate information regarding income-tax'assessments and returns filed by M|s. Eastern Silk Industries Ltd. and' M/s. Gemini Overseas Ltd.. of 16, R. N. Mukheriee Road. Calcutta, their Directors, partners and by - their associate concerns and of the proceedings regarding completed assessments, amounts assessed to income-tax, appeals filed, results of appeals, etc.?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JA-NARDHAN POOJARI). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House as soon as it is received.

Rehabilitation 0f workers of sick and closed units

102. SHRI SHANTIMOY GHOSH: Wi'! the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have ,:ny schemes to rehabilitate workers cf sick and closed industrial units either by reopening such units or by some oilier means;

(b) if so, what are the details 'iiereof; and

(c) if not, in what manner the interests of such workers are proposed to be protected?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR *(SHRI* P. A. SANGMA): (a) to (c) Government have laid down policy guidelines to combat industrial sickness in the country according to which the Banks and Financial Institutions are required to monitor sickness and take corrective action to revive sick units. The Central and State Governments also provide various concessions and reliefs as part of rehabilitation packages formulated by Banks an I Finpadal Institutions to muse sick industrial units back to health.

Regional consultative committee for banks of fee Eastern Region

103. SHR1MATI ILA BHATTACHA-R"'A: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) when the next meeting of the Regional Consultative Committee of the nrtionali^ed banks for the EasternRe-gjon is scheduled to be held;

(b) what will be the agenda for that meeting;

(c) whether the issue of loan melas will be included in the agenda; and

(d) if not. what are the reasons therefor?